



Hawaii State Association of Counties

Counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu



MINUTES HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 24, 2015

Kaeo Ballroom

Makena Beach and Golf Resort

5400 Makena Alanui

Kihei, Maui, Hawaii 96753

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by President Mel Rapozo at 6:20 p.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Kauai: HSAC President Mel Rapozo, County of Kauai Council Chair

County of Hawaii: Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, County of Hawaii Councilmember

City and County of Honolulu: Secretary Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Council Vice-Chair

County of Maui: Treasurer Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember

Others Present:

Hawaii Council: Chair Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair Valerie Poindexter, Councilmember Karen Eoff, Councilmember Maile Medeiros David.

Honolulu Council: Chair Ernie Martin.

Kauai Council: Councilmember KipuKai Kualii.

Maui Council: Chair Mike White, Councilmember Robert Carroll, Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Councilmember Donald Couch.

Hawaii Council staff: No sign-ins.

Honolulu Council staff: Doug Chun, Brandon Mitsuda.

Kauai Council staff: Aida Okazaki.

Maui Council staff: Kit Zulueta, Chancy Hopper, David Raatz, Stephanie Ohigashi, Troy Hashimoto.



Louis K. Furst, Island & Bluffs at Maui Lani Owners; Danny Agsalog, County of Maui Finance Director; Linda Rosehill, Rosehill & Associates; David Ching, County of Maui; Peter H.M. Lee, Hawaii LECET; Joy Kimura, Hawaii LECET; Yuki Lei Sugimura, Connec, LLC; Mahina Martin, Maui Electric Company; Kaiya Kaha; Jocelyn Victorino; Sandy Taniguchi; Shirley Blackburn; Ipo Mossman.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

III. MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the May 7, 2015 and May 22, 2015 Executive Committee meetings.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2015, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer. (Deferred from May 7, 2015)

Treasurer Victorino noted that for the period ended April 30, 2015, the total balance after accounting for revenues and expenses was \$148,981.09.

2. Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2015, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Treasurer Victorino noted that for the period ended May 31, 2015, the total balance after accounting for revenues and expenses was \$143,816.85.

There being no questions for Treasurer Victorino, these two Treasurer's Reports were approved.

B. County Reports

1. Maui County Report. Treasurer Victorino began by welcoming all delegates, officials, staff and visitors to the 2015 HSAC Conference. He then began his oral report by reporting the following items: 1) On June 22, 2015, the County Council overrode the mayor's veto of the 2016 budget since the Council will no longer allow the moving of funds between accounts without first coming to the Council for a budget amendment, 2) The County, on a visit to

Lanai, held the first of nine planning meetings scheduled throughout Maui County to discuss updates to County Plans, 3) The Council attended the blessing of the new Waikamoi Flumes, which replace the old redwood flumes with aluminum steel and will provide over 10,000 residents in upcountry Maui with water, and 4) The Council continues comprehensive discussions and work on the new fiscal budget.

2. Hawaii County Report. Vice President Onishi reported that Hawaii County passed a \$400 million budget, including the authorization of \$99 million in bond funds that will target numerous improvements, including the upgrading of island parks, a new fire station in Hilo, and the construction of a new mass transit facility.
3. City and County of Honolulu Report. Secretary Anderson reported the following items: 1) On June 3, 2015, the City Council passed Bill 6 by overriding the Mayor's earlier veto of this bill that amends the current sit/lie ordinance, 2) The Council also adopted Resolution 15-132, which approved the appointment of HSAC officers for FY2016, as well as Resolution 15-138, which appointed Terrence Lee to the Board of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation as a replacement for Keslie Hui, 3) On June 12, 2015, the City Council hosted the Kaoshiung City Council Goodwill Delegation from our sister city in Taiwan, and also hosted students from Osaka, Japan, who toured Honolulu Hale and were received as guests in the Council Chamber, and 4) the Council is currently working with the Nagaoka City Council of Japan on co-hosting the Peace Exchange Commemorative Project to strengthen ties between the U.S. and Japan. On October 14-15, 2015, the Youth Peace Exchange Summit will be held and Nagaoka fireworks will be launched at Pearl Harbor. The public is invited to attend.
4. Kauai County Report. President Rapozo reported that two items garnered media attention recently: 1) The County Council passed an ordinance regulating Bed and Breakfast accommodations by requiring B&B owners to live in the residence and by also requiring that the B&B unit must be part of the residence and not detached from the main residence, and 2) The County Council will be forming a special committee to look at the pros and cons of a County Manager system, which would effectively do away with a mayor and the executive branch system. Currently 49 percent of U.S. counties have a county or city manager instead of a mayor. The special committee will have six months to do its work and report back to the full Council. President Rapozo noted that the other

neighbor island counties will likely be very interested in Kauai's findings.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the county reports.

C. NACo Report

Treasurer Victorino reported that the annual NACo conference would be held from July 9-13, 2015 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He further noted that this would represent the final meeting over which President Riki Hokama would preside and urged everyone wanting to attend to register as soon as possible since hotels in the area are reportedly filling up quickly.

Vice President Onishi commented that the current NACo hotel booking system is flawed and needs to be fixed. Apparently, there is a gap in communications that does not allow one section of the housing staff to communicate with another section, which results in people placed on a waiting list for a specific hotel being overlooked when a room actually opens up.

D. WIR Report

President Rapozo thanked everyone who participated in the WIR conference on Kauai in May, noting that the conference was a big success.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the NACo and WIR reports.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Communication (May 6, 2015) from Acting City Clerk Glen Takahashi, City and County of Honolulu, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information the following Resolutions, which were adopted by the Honolulu City Council at its meeting on May 6, 2015:

- 1) Resolution 15-91 – Relating To Appointments And Nominations To The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties Executive Committee And Nominations To The National Association Of Counties Board Of Directors And The Board Of Directors Of The Western Interstate Region.

- 2) Resolution 15-93 – Approving The Proposed Budget For The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties For The Fiscal Year 2016.

There being no discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

- B. Communication (May 20, 2015) from Council Chair Mel Rapozo, Kaua'i County Council, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information the Council's approval of the proposed slate of officers for the HSAC Executive Committee for the 2015-2016 term.

There being no discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

- C. Communication (June 3, 2015) from Council Chair Mel Rapozo, Kaua'i County Council, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information the Council's approval of the board of director nominations for NACo and WIR for the 2015-2016 term.

There being no discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

- D. Communication (June 5, 2015) from Deputy County Clerk Josiah K. Nishita, County of Maui, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information Resolution No. 15-59, Approving The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties Officers, Nominees To The National Association Of Counties Board Of Directors And Nominees To The Western Interstate Region Board Of Directors For Fiscal Year 2016, which was adopted by the Maui County Council at its meeting on June 5, 2015.

There being no discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

- E. Communication (June 15, 2015) from City Clerk Glen Takahashi, City and County of Honolulu, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information the following Resolutions, which were adopted by the Honolulu City Council at its meeting on June 3, 2015:

1. Resolution No. 15-132 – Approving The Officers Of The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties For Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
2. Resolution No. 15-160 – Concurring With The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties Nominations To The Board Of Directors Of The National Association Of Counties And Approving The Hawai'i

**State Association Of Counties Nominations To The Western
Interstate Region For Fiscal Year 2016.**

There being no discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

- F. Communication (June 15, 2015) from Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, HSAC Treasurer, transmitting for the Executive Committee's approval, a proposal amending Section 5 of the HSAC Bylaws to include term limits of officers, to be effective July 1, 2015.

Treasurer Victorino made a motion to amend the HSAC Bylaws to add term limits to the second paragraph of Section 5 to take effect on July 1, 2015 and to read as follows:

"The term of each officer shall begin on July 1 immediately following the annual meeting at which elected and end on June 30 [of the subsequent year] **two years thereafter. No officer shall hold the same position for more than four consecutive years.**"

(At 6:39 p.m., President Rapozo called for a recess to ensure that all HSAC officers had a copy of the proposed amendment. At 6:40 p.m., President Rapozo called the meeting back to order.)

Treasurer Victorino made a new motion to amend the first motion so that the new proposed amendment changes the word "officer" in line 3 to the word "county." The new proposed amendment shall read as follows:

"The term of each officer shall begin on July 1 immediately following the annual meeting at which elected and end on June 30 [of the subsequent year] **two years thereafter. No county shall hold the same position for more than four consecutive years.**"

Treasurer Victorino clarified that the intent is for no county, rather than an officer, to hold the same position for more than four consecutive years. Since the HSAC officer position is assigned to the county and not to an individual, this change would ensure that no county, regardless of the individual holding the position, would be assigned the same position for more than four consecutive years.

This motion, to amend the first motion, was seconded and approved.

On the motion to amend the Bylaws, a discussion ensued with Vice President Onishi stating that his preference would be to institutionalize the rotation of positions in the Bylaws. President Rapozo and Treasurer

Victorino noted that by providing flexibility to the sitting officers to determine the rotation, you would avoid a situation where a new inexperienced HSAC delegate would be forced to, say, assume the HSAC presidency because it's institutionalized in the Bylaws. Vice President Onishi noted that in the past, similar situations have occurred where inexperienced officers were installed, and it all worked out and, in fact, worked out well. The discussion continued for a short period of time, with the result that the motion to amend the Bylaws, as amended to change the word "officer" to "county," was approved.

- G. Communication (June 16, 2015) from Councilmember Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Hawai'i County Council, informing the Executive Committee that Resolution No. 197-15, A Resolution Approving The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties Executive Committee Slate For Fiscal Year 2015-2016, failed approval before the Hawaii County Council.

Vice President Onishi explained that he wanted the Bylaws amended and approved before approving the HSAC slate of officers for FY 2016. Because this did not occur, items such as term limits and rotations were not addressed prior to the proposed HSAC slate of officers. This is the reason Vice President Onishi informed his fellow County Councilmembers that he would not be supporting Resolution No. 197-15, which ultimately resulted in its failure.

President Rapozo stated that the plan is to defer action on Resolution No. 197-15 at the General Membership meeting immediately following the ongoing Executive Committee meeting and to request that the Hawaii County Council reconsider Resolution No. 197-15 now that the Bylaws have been amended to address term limits. Secretary Anderson also urged the Hawaii County Council to reconsider Resolution No. 197-15. Vice President Onishi noted that a problem may arise since his understanding is that a Resolution that has failed the Hawaii County Council cannot be brought back to the Council. He further noted that reconsideration can only occur if a member voting with the majority changes his or her mind and reconsiders their vote within five days. President Rapozo noted that each county has its own rules and directed Vice President Onishi to get a ruling from the Hawaii County Corporation Counsel's Office and report back to him before the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

- H. Discussion and consideration of nominations to the NACo Steering Committees.

President Rapozo noted that Honolulu Councilmember Trevor Ozawa applied to be a member of the Large Urban Caucus Committee (LUCC), and further noted that Hawaii has never had a representative on the LUCC. Treasurer Victorino stated that since membership on the LUCC is automatic, it does not require the approval of the NACo President.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Schedule the next meeting:

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, Honolulu Hale Committee Room, 10:00 a.m.

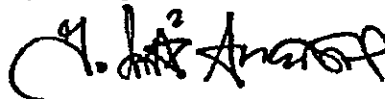
- B. Other announcements.

President Rapozo asked for and declared that there were no announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

IKAIKA ANDERSON, Secretary
Hawaii State Association of Counties